

PORT AND SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

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PROCEEDINGS OF BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **July 25, 2011**, 1:30 p.m., at the Brown County Materials Recycling Facility, 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Chairman John Katers. He noted that Lisa Bauer-Lotto has been appointed to the Board. The terms of Chuck Rhyner, Ray Kopish, and Bud Harris will be up as of November 30.

2. Roll Call

Present	John Katers
	Chuck Rhyner
	Ray Kopish (arrived at 1:35 PM)
	Mike Fleck
	Mark Vanden Busch
	Mike Van Lanen
Excused	Lisa Bauer-Lotto
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Absent	Bud Harris

Also Present Chuck Larscheid- Brown County Port & Solid Waste Department
Mark Walter- Brown County Port & Solid Waste Department

3. Approval/Modification of Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Fleck and seconded by Chuck Rhyner. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval/Modification of Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 20 meeting was made by Mike Fleck and seconded by Mike Van Lanen. The motion passed unanimously.

5. 2012 Solid Waste Budget- Request for Approval

A motion to approve the Port and Solid Waste Department 2012 Budget with proposed Waste Transfer Station Tipping Fees @\$40/ton was made by Chuck Rhyner and seconded by Mark Vanden Busch. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chuck Larscheid detailed the upcoming budget process. The Department budget will be submitted to the County Executive for inclusion in his County budget; then to the Oversight committee in October and finally to the County Board for approval.

This year's budget has been divided into cost center line items.

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Line item notes:

- When the Department utilizes the Highway Department, this is broken up into specific line items in each cost center.
- Copy center usage is also broken up into Cost Center line items.
- Fringe benefit costs are lower due to the new State budget requirements.
- Fringe Benefits are lower in 2012 anticipating the employee pension reform effect from the State Budget.

Long term issues include:

- The Transfer Station shows a loss of \$200,000. This deficit needs to be addressed through an increase in TIP fees from \$39/ton to \$40/ton. Chuck Larscheid provided a handout on proposed \$40/ton TIP fee.
- The Closure fund needs to be maintained for closure of the South Landfill. Funds from Closure are augmenting the Long Term Care Fund for maintaining the closed East and West Landfills. That will eat into the Closure Fund and eventually cause Brown County to begin charging for LTC as a portion of the Tipping Fee.
- Gas-to-Energy program has a projection of \$400,000 deficit by the end of 2012. The Leachate Recirculation Pilot Project expects to increase gas flow in the landfill. If that works, the procedure may be expanded to other areas in the East landfill.
- Recycling is holding strong and we expect to continue to rebate 90% of revenues to our partners.
- Selling clay from the South Landfill is raising revenues and excavating areas that we would need to excavate at the future South Landfill.
- Brown-Outagamie-Winnebago partnership is working well.
- This year, 2011, will be the last year that we use Winnebago County landfill. In 2012 we will use Outagamie County landfill. We don't know what the Outagamie County TIP fee will be but we are using a \$1 per ton increase to conservatively cover our costs. We should see approximately a \$1.50 per ton hauling fee decrease because of lessening the haul distance.
- HHW- in 1996 the County agreed to subsidize 40% of the cost to operate the HHW facility with Green Bay MSD subsidizing an additional 40%. We have been able to bring the cost down by servicing Very Small Quantity Businesses and other Counties. To continue that we are instituting a plan to place a \$1 fee on each gallon can of latex paint, (which is not a hazardous waste,) that comes in for disposal whether the can contains paint or not. Forty percent of all liquids we get are latex paint.
- Mark Walter will submit a grant for the Clean Sweep Program in the amount of \$24,600.

Other discussion

- Ray Kopish handed out information from the Fox Cities Chamber newsletter regarding a lamp recycling event with Veolia in Appleton.
- John Katers indicated that the proposed Leachate Recirculating Project would be a good graduate student project.
- Mike Van Lanen asked about the 5 year schedule for DNR approval and checking of the storm water pond at the Transfer Station.
- The Transfer Station estimated tonnage will be 150,000 tons in 2012. The actual cost is \$41.26 per ton. Since the executive and County Board lowered our Tip Fee back in 2003, we have struggled to get back up to cost. Our proposal this year is to raise it \$1 per ton to \$40 per ton. We are still running a deficit but it is inexact because of so many variables.
- We have budgeted 20,000 tons still being hauled to Winnebago County but the rest to Outagamie.

- We anticipate the possibility of having to pump and dispose of sediments in the TS storm-water pond for \$35,000.
- We estimate an engine rebuild for Gas To Energy for \$90,000. Principal and Interest for capital will be paid back to the Phase Construction Fund.
- HHW subsidy for Brown County will be \$134,460 or about 25% of the operating cost. The Sharps Collection Program was moved from the Recycling Cost Center to HHW Cost Center.
- Pioneer currently leases space in the building, but has notified us they will terminate the lease for now. They would like the option to possibly lease the space later in the year.
- Doors on the MRF should be repaired.
- The Department is looking into the cost of getting rid of the bailer and the conveyer system in the back part of the building. Estimated cost is \$35,000.
- Total In Lieu of Taxes (\$30,686) and Rents (\$144,737) will be returned to the County's General Fund.
- Under Rates and Fees, the Direct Haul should be changed to \$38/ton.

The Budget will be submitted Friday July 29. We will meet with the Executive and his staff on Monday August 15.

6. Director's Report

Lisa Bauer Lotto was approved by the County Board in July.

The BOW Recycling Partnership is working on filling out another shift at the BOW Single Stream Recycling Facility.

The HHW Aide who was injured is slowly working back into the schedule. He is at 5 hours per day and will increase that by an hour a week.

Department Administrative employees will begin contributing 5.8% of their salary to their pension in the beginning of August. The represented employees began doing so in January.

7. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

None

8. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Fleck and seconded by Mike Van Lanen. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 PM.

John Katers, Chairman
Solid Waste Board

Charles Larscheid, Director
Port & Solid Waste Department